

REMARKS

Claims 75-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Australian Patent No. 237071 to Murtaugh, *et al.* ("Murtaugh").

In the Office Action having a mailing date of 10/08/2002, it is stated that the removed aqueous phase described at page 14 of Murtaugh anticipates the claimed invention. The Office Action also points out that the resin phase of Murtaugh "is substantially free from water-soluble or water-dispersible substances such as ... carbohydrates"

Looking at pending independent claim 78 of the present application, it can be seen that the extract of hops is purified with respect to glycosides by removing at least some free carbohydrates and inorganic salts. While Murtaugh describes the resin phase as being substantially free from water-soluble or water-dispersible substances such as carbohydrates, nothing in Murtaugh teaches or suggest the removal of at least some free carbohydrates and inorganic salts from the aqueous phase of Murtaugh. The removal of at least some free carbohydrates and inorganic salts in the claimed invention has been described to be especially advantageous (see page 5, lines 20-23 of the application). Thus, claim 78 (and claims 79 and 80 that depend thereon) are not anticipated or obvious over Murtaugh as the extract of hops of the claimed invention is purified with respect to glycosides by removing at least some free carbohydrates and inorganic salts.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, it is now believed that the application is in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned attorney by telephone if doing so would expedite the allowance of this application. If any other fees are deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 accordingly.

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